Heads of Mission and Heads of Post

5065. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts of Heads of Mission (HOM's and Heads of Post (HOPs) as on April 1,1989, 1990 and 1991;

(b) the number of non-IFS HOMs and HOPs, separately, on those dates;

(c) the number of those who are on deputation as Non-IFS HOMs and HOPs from other All India Central and Defence Services, service-wise, as on April 1,1991;

(d) the number of those who are retired members of the above services, service-wise; and

(e) the number of those who have been inducted into these services from public life or from other walks of national life?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a)

Date	Heads of Mission including Permanent Representatives	Heads of Post
1.4.89	107	33
1.4.90	107	34
1.4.91	105	35

(b) Date	Non-IFS HOMs	non-IFS HOPs
1.4.89	5	NIL
1.4.90	8	NIL
1.4.91	10	1

(c) Non-IFS HOMs/HOPs on deputation:

HOMs

IAS = 2

HOPs

COS = 1

(d) HOMs

IAS = 1

IPS = 1

HOPs = 1

(e) HOMs = 6

HOPs = Nil

[Translation]

Telephone Connections in Ajmer District of Rajasthan

5066. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to

convert cross bar telephone exchange of Ajmer into electronic exchange, and if so, when;

(b) the number of applicants on the waiting list for new telephone connections at Ajmer, Beawar, Kishangarh, Nasirabad, Vinay Nagar, Pushkar, etc. in Ajmer District of Rajasthan;

(c) the number of applicants likely to get telephone connections during the current financial year; and

(d) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. This exchange is planned to be replaced after it has outlived its useful life by the year 2000.

(b) The waiting list as on 31.7.1991 is as under:-

Ajmer	4245
Beawar	497
Kishangarh	266
Nasirabad	31
Vijay Nagar (not Vinay Nagar)	119
Pushkar	7
Kekari	28
Remaining 38 small capacity exchanges put together	77

(c) The number of applicants likely to get telephone connections during the current financial year, is as under:-

Aimer	—	500
Beawar	—	Nil
Kishangarh	—	Nil
Nasirabad	—	31
Vijay Nagar	—	600
Pushkar	—	7
Kekari	—	28
Remaining 38 small capacity exchanges	—	40

(d) The present waiting list, is likely to be cleared, as under:-

Ajmer	—	by	1993-94
Beawar	—	by	1994-95
Kishangarh	—	by	1992-93
Nasirabad	—	by	1991-92
Vijay Nagar	—	by	1993-94
Pushkar	—	by	1991-92

Kekari	—	by	1991-92
Remaining 38 small capacity exchanges	—	by	1992-93

[English]

Release of Sikh Detenues

5067. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of militants have been released from Jail in Punjab this year;

(b) if so, the number of such detenues released; and

(c) to what extant it has helped in creating a congenial and harmonious atmosphere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). According to available information from the Government of Punjab, orders for the withdrawal of 359 cases involving 481 persons were issued during the year.

(c) Militant activities have not substantially reduced.

Supply of Seeds by National Seeds Corporation

5068. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of seeds of various varieties of oilseeds, cereal pulses and cotton indented by the Government of Madhya Pradesh from the National Seeds Corporation during 1990-91;

(b) the extent to which the demand was met or are likely to be met during 1991 by National Seeds Corporation; and

(c) whether the prices of seeds supplied by NSC were high in comparison to that of certified seeds marketed by established seeds producers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). A statement showing indent and supply of certified seed to the Government of Madhya Pradesh during 1990-91 is given in the statement enclosed.

(c) No, Sir. It may be mentioned that prices of seeds being sold by the National Seeds Corporation (NSC) are fixed, after taking into account the following main factors:

(i) Input prices and procurement prices paid to the seed growers;

(ii) Overhead expenses; and

(iii) Interest burden.

It may also be pointed out that there is no statutory control over the fixation of prices of seeds.